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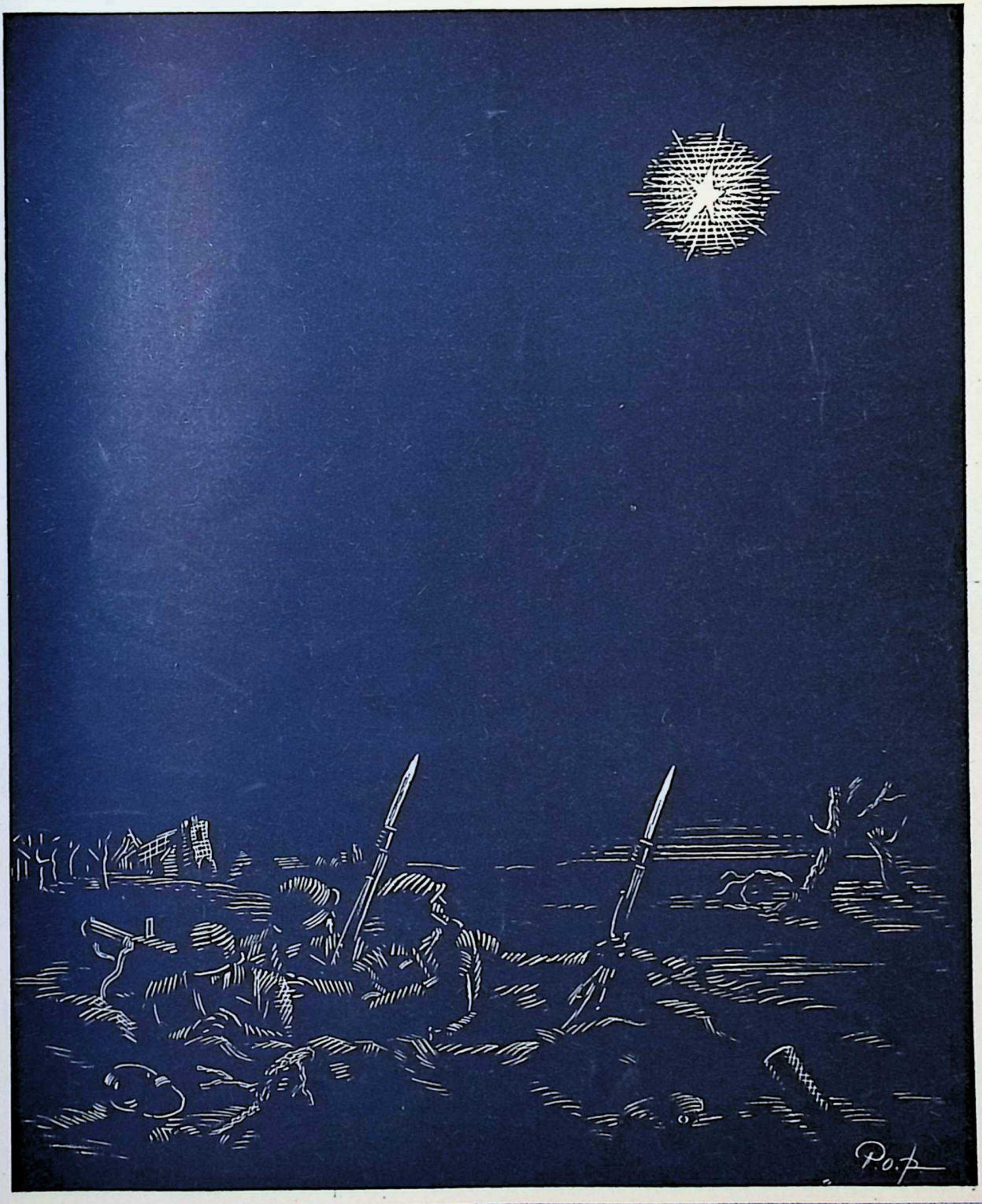

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EDITORIAL

THERE'S NO SANTA CLAUS VIRGINIA

Many years ago a little girl named Virginia wrote to the New York *Times* and asked if there really was a Santa Claus. "If you say there is", she wrote, "I'll believe, because my father said if its in the *Times* it's so".

Years later Virginia doubtless learned that there is no Santa Claus except as he lives on in the hearts of those who never grow old.

Veterans of World War II must also learn that bitter lesson as it relates to what they expect as the fruit of their sufferings. We learned only too well after World War I and we, veterans of that conflict, can be of great practical help to these boys when they come home. A great proportion of the old YD felt the bite of hot steel. Many were permanently disabled. Many of us watched from sun porches of veterans hospitals the parade of happy, contented civilians as they streamed by in their pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Most of us found our education stopped in midstream as it were. We saw boys who for one reason or another had not worn the uniform, getting married, building homes, driving new cars. The world went by us, apparently uncaring, and the bitterest blow of all was to seek work and come up against that West Wall of 1920, "Are you a veteran?"

Tell these boys who come home, you men of the last war, that there is no Santa Claus. Tell them that human nature has not changed, that people forget and not because they do not care but because they are heir to mankind's greatest curse, forgetfulness. Individually they appreciate all that has been done for them. Collectively they are fighting to survive in the battle for existence.

Talk to these boys as they return, — or better still be a good listener because that's what they need most an understanding heart. Explain to them, hard though it will be, that time lost in self pity is so much lost opportunity. Tell them that this is their country now to a greater extent than they would have dreamed had they not fought for it, that numerically they control it and what it becomes is wholly in their keeping. Teach them to find their thanks for what they have done within themselves and not look for it in a world which goes on and on and on and seldom stops to look back.

Keep aflame that spirit of theirs which won our battles and tell them that they need no Santa Claus. All they need is the pioneer spirit which made this country great. Decide what you want. Then go after it! !

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and Girls in Service

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and

Happy New Year

The Continental

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103rd Machine Gun Battalion Holds Its Annual Reunion

On Sunday, October 22nd, Co. C, 103rd M.G.B., held their annual get-to-gether at the Modoc Club. A good turnout was on hand for the 24th anniversary. All present enjoyed a delicious steak dinner.

Toastmaster, Robert M. Murray introduced the following members and guests: Mr. Fred Lovett and Mr. H. Munsell whose son paid the supreme sacrifice, Mr. John J. Kelly, Department Commander of the YDVA. Col. Earl Chandler (retired) and Col. Arthur Darcy. All expressed the hope that the boys of C would continue sticking together. Mr. Kenneth Dennis, Newport, spoke on present veterans' legislation and the G.I. bill.

Entertainment was furnished by Miss Marjorie Savita and Mr. Louis Latham. "Dead Eye" Louie carried the boys back to the days spent in France with his rendition of French songs. Ted Jerome took movie shots of the boys in action.

Committee of arrangements: Comdr. Arthur Hanson, Harry Clarke, Fred Thomas, Bob Eley, Nickles Di Stefan, Harry Hanson and Fred Grandchamp.

To Major John Mitchell, Major Ernest Wood and our old skipper, William H. Munsell and all members of Co. C in the YDVA my, sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. P. O.

Pvt. Edward B. Rawson, Jr., is now serving with the 559th Bomb. Squad. A.P.O. No. 401 c/o Postmaster, N. Y., son of Edward Rawson, Co. F, 101st Ammunition Train.

Wound Anyone Like a Uniform?

Would any member of the Veterans Ass'n. be interested in a uniform that I have on hand, complete wth belt and two berets, size 38?

I cannot seem to find anyone in the Concord Chapter who needs it, and I would like to get in touch wth someone who does need it and who would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. B. Alcott Pratt.
Concord, Mass.

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RALPH EASTMAN

RALPH EASTMAN HONORED BY E CO., 101st ENGINEERS

Sixty men of E Co., 101st Engineers, paid tribute to Ralph Eastman at a testimonial dinner, Saturday Eve., November 11, 1944, at the Engineers' Club. Ralph has kept the interest and spirit of his company alive for twenty-six years by issuing a Company Bulletin called "E Co. Echoes", five or six times a year. It was the most successful get-together E Co. has ever had and men from all over New England came to pay tribute to their former Buddie.

Letters of regret from forty or more out of towners who could not attend. Excellent entertainment and presentation of a Sterling Silver Coffee Set and flowers for Mrs. Eastman, together with appropriate remarks from E Co. former officers and Ralph's good friend, Lee Redfield, 1st Sergt. of F Co., the only outsider present, added up to a very enjoyable and memorable party.

The reading of the roll of E Co., of those who died during the war and since, by "Top Kick" Fred Campbell was very impressive.

Harold Brownson, Maurice Corkery, Fred Campbell and Ray Miranda had charge of the committee on arrangements.

A. P. O.

Wanted — a YD Uniform

If any YD man has a YD uniform size 40 — please contact Arthur Barnaby, 37 Rockaway St., Lynn. Arthur is a member of Lynn Chapter and really is anxious to obtain a uniform.

— R. D.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR NAT. COMDR.

I take this opportunity to wish each YD Veteran and his entire family a very enjoyable holiday season.

In this year, 1944, we veterans of the 26th Division of World War I remember the order, "Carry on" given us by our Commanding General affectionately known as "Daddy" Edwards. The war years of 1917-18 and now 1941-44 are no exception.

This Christmas will find many of our sons, daughters and buddies serving in our armed forces, not only here at home but on far flung battle fronts around the world.

Our sincere wish for them is, that God in His infinite love will guard and watch over them, bringing them back home soon.

We here at home must carry on; to do more than our share to keep, preserve this America, which through tradition has given us the right to life, liberty and happiness.

So, on this Christmas day, let us give a little extra something, pause for a moment in prayer, for the New Year to bring victory and everlasting peace all over the world.

John W. Dunlap,
National Commander.

"Doings" Editor Up a Tree

Last month we gave you a twenty-eight page magazine. With costs mounting it would now seem that twenty to twenty-four pages will just about fit our budget. The whole matter will be discussed with your publishing committee and an endeavor will be made to treat everyone fairly and edit copy as little as possible. This month many interesting letters to the editor had to be cut out, some "damnatory", others commendatory. If you feel strongly on the subject write us. We can take it.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

An original P. O. Palmstrom illustration that graphically portrays what Christmas, 1944, will be like for millions of our boys.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

*** Comparison of 1943-1944**

1944		1943
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	35
2	Farmington	2
50	Lewiston	41
39	Waterville	39
23	At Large	27
148		144
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
7	Concord	6
2	Franklin	3
9	Keene	14
65	Manchester	44
40	Nashua	42
10	Rochester	11
25	Triangle	21
10	At Large	8
168		149
	DEPT. OF VT.	
22	Brattleboro	29
1	Burlington	0
27	Montpelier-Barre	21
43	Rutland	17
2	St. Albans	12
8	Morrisville	9
8	At Large	7
111		95
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
37	Beverly	33
545	Boston	541
57	Concord	50
9	Brockton	9
41	Danvers	42
136	Fitchburg	137
4	Foxboro	8
51	Haverhill	47
7	Holyoke	4
13	Lawrence	25
25	Lowell	10
244	Lynn	255
20	Marlboro	22
44	Milford	38
75	New Bedford	86
35	Reading	26
41	Salem	16
108	Springfield	127
179	Worcester	148
65	At Large	57
1737		1681
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
119	Apremont	114
26	Kent County	27
246	Providence	211
0	At Large	1
391		353
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	36
115	Bristol	112
254	Hartford	228
64	Manchester	51
83	Meriden	81
25	Middletown	24
38	New Britain	57
237	New Haven	175
17	New London	21
26	Norwalk	24
34	Stamford	35
26	Torrington	3
10	Valley	18
22	Wallingford	16
15	Waterbury	15
48	Willimantic	53
30	Groton-Stonington	29
1	At Large	2
1092		978
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
26	Chicago	14
33	Cleveland	38
11	Denver	12
22	Detroit	26
18	Los Angeles	16
147	New York	160
24	Philadelphia	28
30	Washington	28
37	Life Members	37
92	At Large	95
4087	GRAND TOTAL	3820

*Note. Comparison is Dec. 1st each year.

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: John W. Dunlap, 65 Market St., Manchester, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Austin G. Lund, 168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.

LEWISTON

"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: Eugene A. Beaudoin
140 Summer St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas
150 Sabattus St., Lewiston, Me.

The annual banquet of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. was held at the Elm House, Auburn, with 64 members and guests present. The guests of honor were Nat. Comdr. John W. Dunlap of Manchester, N. H., Lt. Donald Shufeldt of Lewiston, a member of the air corps shot down over Europe who escaped from a prison camp this summer and Alexander Bryant, of Lewiston, a veteran of service in the South Pacific recently given a medical discharge. Comdr. Eugene Veaudoin presided.

Commander Dunlap spoke on the YD membership drive and brought the greetings of the national organization. He praised very highly the work being done by the present generation of soldiers, sailors and marines, expressing the extreme pleasure of every old YD man in learning that the 26th was making a name for itself again in France.

Lieutenant Shufeldt expressed his pleasure at being present with the veterans of the last war and called attention to the fact that it is the blood plasma folks here at home are giving which is saving lives of thousands of lads who in World War I would have died from their wounds. He added that in this way the veterans of the other war were doing equally as much in this. Then he stressed the work they are doing making materials and equipment which is helping the youngsters of today win the war.

Following the banquet and speeches a very fine floor show was enjoyed.

Among the invited guests were city officials, of Lewiston headed by President Leo Grenier of the Board of Aldermen in Mayor Boucher's absence who was out of town; Commander Kerwin of the Canadian Legion and Major Morin of the Maine State Guard.

At the regular November business meeting held at the club house sizeable donations were voted six local charities as well as the United War Chest. Comdr. Eugene Beaudoin presided for the first time in two months during which time he was a patient at the Togus Hospital.

A unanimous vote of confidence was given National Treas. L. H. Redfield.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

RUTLAND

Commander: Philip Rich
24 High St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: B. Marsh Whelden
135 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt.

Twenty-seven men, including Parker, Hammond, Ellis, Stoddard and Richardson from Ludlow turned out for one of the best meetings on record at Belmont in response to Devereux's cordial invitation. What a feed, chicken pie, apple pie and some of Crowley's best cheese.

All the Rutland regulars were there, although Rich and Whelden were present in spirit only or should I say spirits, part of the time. Well, anyway, and regardless of the fact that the Dictators took a walk, or went to sleep, so to speak, the meeting functioned to perfection, though Rich had left his glasses some place and yours truly had to function both as Commander and Secretary. However he is grateful for able assistance from Woodbury in recording those present.

Belmont is the highest village in the state of Vermont, and from all reports we were the highest, or lowest, crowd assembled that evening in the state. They tell me it was an evening of orations, all the

way from extolling the beauty of the stars on Belmont hill, or rather from, to the somewhat hazy claim that the 3rd platoon of any old company in the old 26th could lick any full company of present day marines.

Anyway, we're over 40 now, and any of you guys who don't come around ought to dig the lead out and come around some time. If you can't remember afterwards what went on at the meeting, just shoot along the two bucks and read it here in the DOINGS and weep.

— B. Marsh Whelden.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

STATE MEETING

October

Dept. of Mass. meeting held in Haverhill Quarters, Haverhill, Sunday, Oct. 1, 1944. Pretty good attendance, including ladies. National Comdr. John Dunlap and Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Dugas were present.

Haverhill—Commander Meteyer reported Turkey raffle Nov. 14, also Testimonial at Elks Home, Haverhill, Oct. 21 to Mrs. Patton. Meetings better attended and membership well up.

Lawrence Chapter—Joe Watton, Commander reported progress.

Lynn Chapter—Commander Newman reported 243 members. Ten members in service. Sons and Daughters in service to get Christmas gift.

Salem Chapter—Thibault reported; turkey raffle; progress.

Springfield Chapter—Commander Valentine reported; membership 119; Armistice party; dinner for boys in service.

Worcester Chapter—Commander Nute reported; membership 170; turkey raffle in November; clambake for members only.

Invitation for next meeting, Springfield, first Sunday in November.

Lawrence—First Sunday in December; Worcester, first Sunday in January.

Good of Y.D.V.A.—It was suggested that department take some action in regards to P.N.C. Forsyth's letter; motion made to revert back to new business, passed after letter was read and discussed. It was general opinion that all we could do was to make recommendations to National By-Law Committee, motion made to refer matter to chapters for further consideration.

Nat. Comdr. John Dunlap addressed the members.

Following the meeting the Haverhill Ladies' Auxiliary served the inner man with a wonderful luncheon; three cheers for the ladies.

November

State meeting held in G.A.R. Quarters, Springfield, Sunday, Nov. 5, 1944. Small attendance. Following the meeting the Springfield Ladies' Auxiliary served a lunch from soup to nuts. Why the ladies take such good care of us is beyond me but keep it up ladies, we like it. Maybe that is the reason why some of us are fat and lazy. They feed us too much. Chapters with no ladies' auxiliaries don't know what they are missing.

Committee reports—Commander Thibault reported on National Executive Committee meeting. All items were well explained. The question of the proceeds of the Sales Dept. as it now goes to the Boston Chapter, why and when was it passed up by the National body. Question: Why was P.N.C. Forsyth's report not published in YANKEE DOINGS? Thibault reported that at Executive Meeting, P.N.C. Forsyth was asked by Nat. Sec. Guy Watts if Forsyth had ever given him, Guy Watts or Editor, a copy of his report to publish in YANKEE DOINGS? P.N.C. Forsyth replied he had not given them any copy of his report. Guy stated if Forsyth had given him copy it would have been published in YANKEE DOINGS.

Commander Thibault reported on his work in the interest of department in visiting various chapters and other organizations. Also stated that YD men head both the large veterans' organizations. Comrade Thomas Mackie, Dept. of Mass., American Legion (104th Inf.); Comrade Charles Frascotti (104th Inf.) Dept. of Mass., Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars.

New Business—Motion made that Commander be instructed to find out why the Sales Dept. was turned over to Boston Chapter and if Boston Chapter pay for space in YANKEE DOINGS for ad for sales of articles, passed.

Commander Valentine reported that old Reliables are still working for the benefit of the chapter. Springfield and Hartford, Conn. chapters will compete on radio Station W.T.I.C. from 7:30-8 p.m. on Quiz program between the two cities. Nice time planned for Armistice night party.

Commander Nute of Worcester reported 177 members and expect to go over 200 before the year is out.

Nov. 21 will hold Annual Turkey Raffle; everybody guaranteed to have a good time.

P.C. Patch of Springfield offered to send two packs of playing cards to any son of a YD man who will give him the names and addresses.

Motion made to notify all chapters who might have some suggestion in regards to making changes in Nat. By-Laws to notify the Dept. of Mass. of their suggested changes not later than Worcester meeting, so as to get indorsement of Mass. Dept.

Question of accepting new YD to join with us also referred to chapters for their recommendation; also to report not later than Worcester meeting in January.

Sec. Charles Davis could not attend this meeting. Our old reliable Clyde Elliot pinch hit with a home run supported by acting Sgt.-at-Arms Meffin. Next meeting in Lawrence, Sunday, Dec. 3, 1944.

— E. J. Thibault.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The November Smoker of the Club was well attended and some very interestng and up to date Movies of the RAF was shown. Next month we have a Special Feature: Colonel Edwin Cooper (Coop) of World War No. I fame has just returned from overseas and has a wonderful set of new films of Italy, Africa, Iran, Burma and China.

Recent visitors to the Club was Major Howard Davis (101st Eng.) now at Fort Belvoir, Va., with the Coast Artillery School there. Paul Colombo, USMC, son of Tony Colombo is now stationed at the Hingham Marine Base after serving in the South Pacific with the 1st Marines for almost three years. Paul was wounded twice. Gardner Watts, son of Guy Watts, was home on furlough for a few days after finishing a special course on P. 38 Reconn. planes and expects to go overseas soon.

The Annual YD Club Military Ball will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on Friday evening, December 8th. This affair has been the social event of the year for the Boston Club and it looks as if this year will prove to be one of the greatest.

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BEVERLY

Commander: Fred W. Hammond
15 Bertram St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Frank L. Smith
2 Harrison Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Somewhere in Germany,
October 15, 1944.

Dear Frank and the gang:

This is another reunion that I will miss so I hope this reaches you in time for the meeting. Yes, Kid Gavin is riding again and although they said I could not do it at my age, here I am right smack dab in the front and if you can check back on the papers of the last few days you will have some idea of where I have been. I am with the combat troops and am with an infantry regiment. As I write this you should hear the booming of our artillery all around me, the rattle of tommy guns and machine gun fire. Most of them are ours but not all and it is funny how familiar the sounds are and how quickly you get back your ears for these things. Planes are droning overhead and they are mostly ours. I have my own detachment, a small one, but I am happier than if I were a general. We are established in the ruins of what was a mansion. It has no roof and one side is gone but we are on the ground floor and there is something resembling an air raid shelter in the basement that we retire to when it gets real hot as it sometimes does.

I do not think I could tell anyone what I have gone through to reach this point. Suffice it be said that my training has taken in most everything that combat troops go through except bayonet drill. I have hiked miles in full pack, as many as 35. I have been drilled on the 45, the carbine, and the tommy gun. I have gone up and down rope ladders and have gone through the fire infiltration and obstacle courses. I have come through 100 per cent physically fit and here I am. Spent six months in England; saw that country almost from end to end. Went through all the places we knew so well in France and am now a spearhead team for an infantry division and expect to reach my final objective very shortly where I have been headed for.

My wagon train consists of two jeeps and trailers with a couple more mongrel vehicles that I have found en route. We do our own housekeeping. At the front here we travel without tops and with windshield down. We have been strafed by the Hun planes, their artillery (remember the whiz bangs) and even their small arms but so far have been lucky. Frank we thought we saw a war but I know now we saw nothing and I dread to think of what the next one will be. Forgot to mention that I lived eight days in

the hold of a Liberty ship crossing that damned channel. You figure that one out. And we have eaten C rations for a month straight, sometimes hot but mostly cold. Have lived in pup tents so much and it has rained easily 90 days out of 100 since I have been on this side. Bathe, shave, wash my teeth, and wash my clothes in my helmet.

An artillery battery would be a cinch compared to this but they said I was too old for it and would not give me the rank that would enable me at my age to stay on with the old weapon but God knows they are all around me. There are no promotions in this outfit. The job I am doing now calls for a major but I don't give a damn, I am where I tried to get to and there are not many of the old gang that were able to get this far so I feel as though I had accomplished something. Sure wish that I had some of the old gang with me but it is great to feel that at least one of us old timers are in here in some capacity.

I have two officers and a good bunch of kids. In France my French came back to me and I even sneaked one day and night in Paris. My outfit is new as they changed the whole setup four weeks ago in the middle of a woods and I found myself riding out of there with a new crew and I rode four hours before I could see what the hell they looked like. I have struggled with the English and their money, the French and their money, the Belgians and their money, the Dutch and their damned money, and now it is the Germans and the German money. I have learned to speak German well enough to understand them if they speak slowly and I can also make myself understood, but that Dutch lingo threw me for a loss.

Frank, the French girls are wonderful—a brand new crop. The English were a pleasant surprise and so grateful. But the Belgians WOW, they were the McCoy, although the Dutch are certainly very pretty and appreciative. Don't know about the Germans because we cannot fraternize, so Ike says, so I guess you will have to use your own imagination. But it is sure swell to be just a kid again and have one more go at the Hun.

Give my best regards to the boys. Things are getting hot here and we may have to duck so I guess I'd better close while I can. One just landed about 100 yards away and I am getting too old to be brave and anyhow I never was. Hope this reaches you and finds the gang all well and happy and hope each one will consider this a personal greeting from their old buddy.

Best to all of you,

Capt. Joseph G. Gavin, 0186804,
Det. I 3 G Co. 2nd E.C.A. Regt.
A.P.O. 658 c/o P.M., New York.

CONCORD
"Minute-Man" Chapter
Commander: Clifford L. Day
23 Surry Road, Arlington
Secretary: Clyde A. Booker
39 York Street, Lexington

November 9, 1944 at YD Cafe, Bedford, 20 members present coming from Acton, Bedford, Concord, West Concord, and Lexington. Don't seem to get over that 20 members showing every month.

Commander McCarthy opened the meeting and went through the regular business fast and then turned meeting over to Dept. Comdr. Emile Thibault of Salem and his sergeant-at-arms, Charles Ledgar for installation of officers.

Those installed were: Comdr. Clifford L. Day of Arlington, S.C.C. Rex Morgan of Concord, J.V.C. Bernard Snee of Lexington, Sec. Clyde A. Booker of Lexington, Treas. John O'Grady of W. Concord, Chap. Emil Svennengsen of Bridgewater and Sgt.-at-Arms Joseph Dee of Concord, Executive Officers P.C. William McCarthy, P.C. Michael Dee and John Dolan.

Dept. Commander gave a talk on membership, the new YD coming in as members and the YD Spirit.

All new officers were given a hand and the gang then started to argue on the new YD joining us after the jam is over and "BOY" there were some fireworks for a time. This question will take a lot of thought before it is settled and more members should turn out at meetings and let us know how they feel about it.

After meeting closed the boys went for the AMO and batted the breeze for an hour trying to setttle the above question. Not settled yet.

Commander Clif Day has been sick for the last 10 days and a card was sent to him signed by all members present. Those not present can send one also.

Would like to call attention to all members if you have not read, Leon F. Denis' article, "New England Gets It in the Neck Again", Page 11, November YD DOINGS; "Look it over; think it over, and talk it over." It is something to think about when this scrap is over.

Well this ends another Minute-Man night. I believe every one had a good time and all were glad to meet our Department Commander and his Sergeant-at-Arms. Hope we see him again soon.

Next meeting December 14th. It may be in new YD Dugout at Tony Iasis place, Bedford.

Let's give the new commander and his officers a good start by more members attending.

—Sully.

DANVERS

Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their first indoor meeting for the season at their old dugout at Mrs. Pike's Inn. Attendance was very good, thirty-three being present. We had the usual four hour social, the only change being the BW hour, which has now been changed to the Frank Marchant Yankee Div. Flame Thrower Hour, Frank being the purveyor of refreshments for the six to seven that get together before meeting hour. Well, it was swell, we will call on you more often Frank. As per the mandate of the Nat. Organization allowing non membership in Chapters with the consent of Nat. Hdq., our good friend, Frank Cook was unanimously elected to Hon. membership to Danvers Chapter and they don't make them any better than Frank.

It is with deep regret that we received the news of the death in action of Comrade "Skimmy" Chase's boy, Leo. Leo had been with the Seventh Marines for four years, two of which have been in the thick of the fighting in the South Pacific, he had participated in all the major engagements the Marines had been in and was expecting to be sent home around Xmas, but fate intervened. He was only seventeen when he enlisted with his father's consent. He leaves a wife and daughter, Diana.

One of his pet sayings was "I only hope I make as good a soldier as the YD boys," and he was so proud to be able to tell his buddies that his father served in the YD. He is the first son of Danver's YD to fall in battle, he was killed on Pelieau Island, Sept. 28.

Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Dec. 6. Our membership is now around 43 and I think we will top last year's mark.

All the boys of the 104th Inf. are sticking their chests out this week, after reading of the gallant fight the new 104th put up with Gen. Patton's spearhead advance outside Metz. Well, as Guy Watts says, why wouldn't they, they just won't let the old 104th down.

— C. W. Davis, Sec.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Urban Riendeau
122 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

At the meeting of Fitchburg Chapter held Tuesday, Nov. 14, Comrade George Callahan gave us a short resume of a letter he recently received from Lt. Col. Wm. McBride, also a member of Fitchburg Chapter. Bill had visited the old stamping grounds at Neuf chateau and Rouceau. The old timers still remember with kind thoughts the 26th Division. Bill had also paid a visit to the YD Memorial Church at Belleau. Talked with the Mayor and the Parish Priest. All in all, he had himself quite a visit.

Nominations for officers of Fitchburg Chapter for the coming year were made at this meeting as follows:—Commander, Bernard Brown; S.V.C., Wm. King and Arthur Robichaud; J.V.C., Harry Linnell; Secretary, Russ Aldrich; Treasurer, Sam Farrell, Chaplain, Dan Moran. Trustees, J. Harold Crain, Wilfred Lamothe, Geo. Callahan, Urban Riendeau, and Charlie Goguen.

Tom Harrigan of Gardner is in the Heywood Hospital where he was operated on for a double hernia. Larry Kane is at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home for a check-up. Sam Farrell just returned from the same place, after a complete check-up. Comrade John Godin won the uniform.

Don't forget to drop in and donate a pint of your good red blood, and don't forget that Sixth War Loan that's coming up presently.

— Russ. Aldrich.

LYNN

Commander: Robert E. Newman
9 Dana St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our 26th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet was held with about 125 present. It was quite a falling off from other years, as far as numbers were concerned, but in spirit and gaiety it was a huge success. Our National Commander John Dunlap was the featured guest and speaker, and was well taken care of at Hotel Edison, at the banquet, at our Commander's home, and our own quarters next day. Ed Trudell was chairman of the banquet assisted by Carl Ruddock and a large committee.

At the head table were: Nat. Comdr. Dunlap, Mass. State Dept. Comdr. Emile Thibault and wife, S.V.C. State Dept. Rudolph Heftye and wife, P.N.C. A. Raymond Doucette and wife, Comdr. Robert Newman and wife, S.V.C. Christian Schacht and wife, J.V.C. Lloyd Pitman and wife, Chaplain Walter Smith and wife, Commanders of Post 291 and Post 6, Amer. Legion, and V.F.W. Posts 240 and 507 and wives, and S/Sgt. Leon Varnam, home on furlough and President of our Auxliary Beth Barnaby and Arthur Barnaby, also James Connolly and wife, Perley Knight and Master of Ceremonies Edmund Tru-

dell and wife, and Co-chairman Carl Ruddock and wife.

On Armistice Day the Chapter took part in the big parade led by our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps in their new uniforms. A fair turn-out of members reported and made a good showing.

Comdr. Robert Newman led the Chapter with Nat. Comdr. John Dunlap as guest and if I knew he was to parade with us he would have been right at the head of the parade with me as Marshal of 1st Division.

After the parade we were served a fine luncheon by Beth Barnaby and the ladies of the auxiliary, and I must add that Beth presented the Chapter with a $50.00 check at our banquet from the auxiliary, for which she was thanked in grand style by Comdr. Bob.

After the luncheon on Armistice Day the members went to General Edwards Bridge with Drum Corps and with appropriate ceremonies placed beautiful wreaths on plaques at Revere and Lynn ends of bridge. Leaders in this event were Bob Newman, Walter Smith, P.N.C. Ray Doucette, and Harry Moore, Bill Eddows and Earl Bailey.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

The monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening, Nov. 14th at Carpenter's Hall with another very satisfactory attendance. In the absence of our hard working secretary laid up with illness which we all hope will be very brief, his duties were capably filled by Comrade Dubois who is the adjutant of the Allied Veterans' Council.

The communication sent out by Past National Commander Forsyth was received and read by one or two of the comrades and placed on file without comment or any action being taken by the body.

The membership was increased by the acquisition of Comrade Ralph Swift of Fairhaven formerly a member of the 26th Military Police Company.

Comrade Harold Kenyon rendered a report of the Allied Veterans' Council meeting dwelling at length on the office of the Veterans' Communication. Comrade Dubois also spoke.

Many of the comrades' boys are now fighting over the same territory in France that we fought over 26 years ago. Past Comdr. Walter Purius' boy, Sergeant Herbert, is now with the artillery of the new 26th. Comrade Barber's boy recently wrote a lengthy letter from the South Pacific describing his activities crossing the equator which he has done a few times on his trips back and forth. Also has a boy in the army.

One of the past officers of the chapter, Charlie Stringer was on hand and the boys were happy to greet his smiling countenance. Charlie's boy Bill, is a technical sergeant connected with the Engineers in France.

Past Comdr. Bill Dresner's boy is a gunner on the B-29 and is stationed at Dallas, Texas. Recently his boy Tom was discharged from the Navy on account of disability.

Joe Lajeunnesse's boy, a freshman at West Point, is right on the ball and along with the rest of the corps is attending all the football games. Before going to West Point he was a member of the army.

Comrade Sullivan was conspicuous by his new misplaced eyebrow and when he made his entrance was mistaken for Don Ameche.

Sam Picard, one of our hard working buddies has been elected Blanket Bearer of the booties.

The sympathy of all the members of the chapter is extended to Tony Mello on the recent passing of his beloved mother.

The officers and members of the New Bedford Chapter extend Christmas and New Year's wishes to all our buddies of the Y.D.V.A.

See you at the next meeting, Dec. 12th.

— Bee Bee.

SALEM

It seems that when we stop making reports to YANKEE DOINGS it is an awful hard job to get going again. We are told paper shortage, chop, chop down on your write ups. May be that is all over now, at least we have a live wire committee to take care of YANKEE DOINGS.

Our Turkey Raffle is over and very successful it was, financially and otherwise. Commander McHugh is still among the missing; not feeling up to par yet. I met the old Squire Ed Calhoun in Lynn recently. He had been on the sick list also, but he stated he was on the mend. He said no more poultry, and no more hen fruit to shovel. Dut Ayers also has been laid up with a broken arm due to an accident but he also seems to be on the mend. Between the boys who are on the sick list and those on defense our chapter has

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slowed up considerable but the old saying is — we live in hopes.

J.V.C. Madore is about the most reliable to attend the sessions at the club assisted by Hen Fruit Joe St. Charles, who says "How come my hens don't lay?" It might be that he has not the magic touch. My hens are laying fine. Even my rooster has been seen on the nest lately.

Lorenzo Wright, who is always wrong, has just taken over the Naumkeag Diner on Congress Street, Salem.

— Sister Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Harry G. Valentine
1035 Sumner Ave., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

The State Meeting which was held in Springfield, Sunday, Nov. 5th, was not very well attended by other chapters throughout the state as there was only three chapters represented—Worcester, Salem and Lawrence and even with a small turnout we had a very nice meeting with the State Commander presiding. After the meeting the Ladies' Auxiliary had a grand luncheon; prepared meat loaf, escolloped potatoes, rolls, butter, salad, coffee and pie, and this was enjoyed by all who attended. Too bad that other chapters can't get interested in the State Meetings and get behind their State Commander as he is doing the best he can to keep the Y.D.V.A. going and he cannot do it alone.

The chapter also held its annual Armistice party at the Highland Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 11 and about 200 people sat down to a chicken dinner and the chapter was very glad to have as their guest for the evening Nat. Comdr. John W. Dunlap, State Comdr. Emile Thibault, wife and daughter; Mayor Anderson and many other commanders of various veterans' organizations and pretty near all the branches of the present armed forces were represented. After the banquet the tables were cleared out and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Our good comrade John Lowe did a swell job in putting on a grand march. Comrade Raymond Fuller and his band of rhythm makers added a lot of pep to the affair for both the young and old. I can say along with others that this affair was tops as the State Commander said. The committee headed by Past Comdr. Roswell Patch did a very nice job and I think the chapter should the medal of honor to him and his committee for the beautiful evening.

It was also good to see some of the faces once again that we have not seen for a long time and we hope that we will see them more both at the functions and the meetings of the chapter.

Comrade Francis Seyssel as usual did a swell job as the master of the doings for the evening.

The chapter was on the radio for the quiz of two cities — between Hartford Chapter and Springfield Chapter. Representing Springfield Chapter were: Mrs. Dennis Brunton, Mrs. Dorothy Livingstone for the ladies and Comrades Julian Matindale and Dr. Franklarrow for the chapter and as far as the winners are concerned — should I stop here? No! Well here goes. The winners were the Springfield Chapter and as we are always known as the farmers from the sticks we always come out on top. And to the two ladies and men — the chapter is proud of you all. Well done.

The next large affair is the Xmas party for those boys who cannot get home. The committee with Past Comdr. D. Brunton at the head has plans well under way. This affair is going to be held at the Highland Hotel, Saturday, Dec. 23rd and as time goes on you will hear more about this party.

Comrade Gilligan and Comrade Patch have done a grand job in sending packages to all the members and their sons and daughters that are in the armed services and to a number of the new YD that are now in France.

The Springfield Chapter extends the season's greetings to the other chapters — A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and may it be better than the past.

— Roy M. Coons.

WORCESTER

Commander: Harold A. Nute
2 Preston St., (3), Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., (2), Worcester, Mass.

Well we did it again (a bigger and better Turkey Social than ever before), thanks to the untiring efforts of the general chairman (Fred A. Jones, G Co., 101st Inf.) and his large committee that worked until the wee hours of the morning to clean up after the party. Who said that there was a shortage of turkeys? Ask the boys that attended the party—believe it or not we got rid of 75 birds and they averaged 16 pounds a piece, also several large bottles of giggle water?? and several cases of beer that were donated by M. Stacy of Brockert's Brewery.

This chapter is greatly thankful to the management of Brockert's Brewery for the splendid help that was given to set up the party.

Some of the winners that I was able to see among the gathering toting their goods around were: Win Lauf (formerly of the Foxboro Chapter), B Bat., 102nd F.A., a turkey; Charles Snickers, A Co., 104th Inf., two quarts; Roland Cook, C Co., 104th Inf., one quart and two cases of beer; Earl (shadow) Saunders, B Bat., 102nd F.A., two cases of beer; Emil Champigny, E Bat., 102nd F.A., one turkey. Yes, we even let a marine win a bird—Ed McAuliffe.

Some of the customers won two birds in a short time. A feature of the social was that once you got in you could have all you wanted to eat and drink (for free). Jimmy Kierstead and Acky Johnson made sure that everybody that entered paid the admission fee — 50 cents.

So once again Fred Jones says that he is all done with the running of the Turkey Raffles (until next year).

With the membership of the chapter making such great gains (thanks to the help of the officers and membership), a lot of good times are in the offing. Commander Nute is working hard before his term expires to have the chapter in a place of their own so that the members will be able to sit down to a game of cards without being disturbed. Word is going around that they are going to impose on the commander to run for another term — as it is now, they are calling him Roosevelt Nute because he has been in for more than one term, but from what I hear he says no dice. More will be said at a later date on the progress of the propositions that are being worked on for the benefit of the chapter.

Briefs of the membership:

Bill Murphy of Newton was at the social. Once in a while he is able to get up to see the boys; "Knocko" McCormack was also a visitor to our shindig along with some entertainment that we were not able to put on due to the lateness of the party.

John Anastation take this little note as our congratulations to you on your recent addition to your family.

While making deliveries on the turkeys that were won at the party, stopped in to see Frank Zinkiewicz (who had a winner in his book of tickets). Frank was in E Bat., 102nd F.A.. Promptly surrounded by two former members of G Co., 101st Inf., Chester Laverty and Rass Powers. (Any time any of you fellows are down around 177 Millbury street stop in at Zink's tavern and see the boys).

The two Eddies, Racicot and Robinson along with Fred Falk did their best to keep the gathering filled up with something to eat. All of the boys that sold tickets at the party are to be congratulated for the fine work that they did. Gene Gilliam had to call for help a couple of times to decide whether the right number was showing. In fact all of the boys that worked on the affair are to be congratulated for their fine co-operation.

Worcester chapter will entertain the State Dept. for the January meeting; place of meeting will be announced later. In a conversation heard at the social between Comrades Asselta and Richardson: Richy —What are you doing with your socks on wrong side out? Joe—My feet got hot so I decided to turn the hose on them.

— Clyde O. Elliott.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: John J. Kelly, 47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 78 Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

The last department meeting was held on the 19th of October at the British-American Hall, Pawtucket. A short business meeting was held followed by a floor show and collation. This being a regular meeting of the Apremont Chapter, I'll leave the recording of the same to Comdr. James Macallum and Secretary, Ralph Dexter.

On Sunday, the 5th of November all three chapters gathered in Natick. From this point, headed by a drum corps, we marched to St. Joseph's Church where a Memorial Mass was celebrated for the departed of the YD. I wish to thank Commanders, Davidson, Macallum, MacLeod and their committee from Kent County, William Bergin, Ed Luther and Carl Olson for the cooperation in helping the department to make such a splendid showing. Also a word of thanks to all YD men and the ladies for attending our annual Memorial Mass.

On Armistice Day the YD won the cup for the most members in line. Headed by the Grinnel drum and bugle corps in their snappy blue and white uniforms. This organization won first prize for the best men's corps in line. Their drum majorette, Miss Margaret Sears also won first honors. All in all it was a big day for the blue and YD. As guest of honor we had P.N.C. William A. Forsyth and Edward A. Ayotte, DSC. Col. Samuel A. Hall and Lt. Duncan Langdon kept faith with their old gang by turning out for the occasion. Three YD men, Joseph J. Laffey, Harold G. Downey and Herbert Mowry were members of the Armistice Day committee. Thanks, comrades, for the swell music and a job well done.

The next Department meeting will be held on the second Sunday in January. Kent County will be host to the department. They may be small in numbers but they are possessed of the old YD spirit. Few chapters can boast of a better group of women when it comes to serving an enticing collation. Make our next meeting a date with the department as I am sure a good day is in store for all who attend. Now that Rhode Island has gone over the top in membership I am looking forward to a visit from our Nat'l. Commander John A. Dunlap.

I extend to all our Nat'l. officers, chapter commanders, all YD men and to your sons and daughters fighting our nation's cause a sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in comradeship,

— John J. Kelly.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: George MacLeod
180 Wendell Rd., Lakewood 5, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur F. Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

The regular meeting of Kent County Chapter was held one week early, Nov. 4, 1944, to make plans for Memorial Sunday and Armistice Day. The meeting was called to order by Commander MacLeod with the reading of the ritual and the usual formality. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the reports of the other officers of the chapter, the report of the Memorial Sunday committee was called on to make this report. Earl Bergin was the chairman and Eddie Luther and Carl Olson as assistants. They did a bangup good job.

Providence and Pawtucket Chapters turned out in great numbers. Thanks to the commanders of both chapters for being present and getting the commands to turn out.

The parade started from Natick bridge at 10:30 with the help of a bugle and drum corps, up the main street of Natick, to St. Joseph's Church where a Memorial Mass was celebrated. It was a sunny day and we had a swell turnout. The only comment I can make on the parade was: "They were all out of step but (Jim) Girvan." No offense Jim; you can still strut.

Sorry to report that Carl Olson, our loyal comrade and hard working member of Kent County, is in the Newport Naval Hospital. I am happy to report it isn't anything serious. Carl how in the world did you get a leave of absence on Election Day? Did those Texans down there turn you Democrat? Carl called me up and said he was feeling much better and expects to be out of the hospital in another week. Good news for Kent County as we need him.

Kent County Chapter voted to take part in the Armistice Day parade in Providence. Our next meeting will be held Dec. 9, 1944 at Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton, with our usual Christmas party. All are welcome. Your fee is just a 10 cent gift. A good time is planned for all.

Commander MacLeod would like to greet all past commanders of Kent County Chapter at our next meeting in December.

— James Dyson.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: James Macallum
42 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The Armistice ceremonies in Rhode Island were quite successful as far as the old YD was concerned. On Sunday, Nov. 5th, Apremont made a pretty good showing at our annual memorial service which was held in St. Joseph's Church in Natick. It was a beautiful service to the memory of our departed comrades. This is one service that every YD man should attend to show his respect for those comrades who fought by his side in France and have now answered the last call.

Several of the boys of Apremont turned out for the parade in Providence on Armistice Day morning where the Yankee Division unit won the cup for having the largest number of men in line. At the parade in Pawtucket in the afternoon we had a fair turnout. Lieut. Kenneth Plant, son of Albert Plant, our Sr. Vice Commander, marched with his dad and both were photographed on parade by none other than Arthur B. Cobb, official YD photographer in France in 1917-18 and a member of Apremont Chapter.

On Sunday, Nov. 12th, the boys turned out for the dedication of a memorial to the veterans of World War II in the Fairlawn section of Pawtucket. This service was very impressive.

Our membership is now 121 but we still have quite a way to go to reach our former top of 146. Let's have some more new members. Our next meeting will be held Dec. 21st, in American-British Hall. We would like to see a lot of our old comrades there.

— Jim Macallum.

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PROVIDENCE

Commander: David A. Davidson
1040 Cranston St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston, R. I.

Now that the national election is over let's get down to the grim business of getting this war over with. We, in Rhode Island, like the rest of the nation have survived the Democratic hurricane of Nov. 7th. Yesterday, we were D's and R's. Today we are all Americans fighting for one cause. With the lives of our own at stake let us hope and pray to God that the political issue in 1946 is not one of bringing our boys home from overseas.

The November issue of DOINGS was a nice set-up. As I have said before give the Editor 32 pages and he'll do a bang-up job. This issue proves it. In reading over the same I read with delight where our friendly enemies from New Haven took in 26 members last year. Well, that's fine, and at this time I'm proud to say that Providence Chapter last year took in approximately 39 new members and re-ups. For 1944-45 we have signed 40 YD men never before affiliated with Y.D.V.A. This increase in membership was made possible by the membership teams of Kittredge's Chowhounds and Whitman's Cake-eaters. In a personal appeal to J.V.C. Whitman the boys would like to know when they are going to enjoy—at your expense — that hamboiger steak dinner. At least, Ralph, let's eat in 1944.

At this writing I'd like to introduce the following old timers and new members who have signed up: Elliot "Dinky" Dann, Richard J. Feeley, Captain, Earl W. Chandler, Co. C, 103rd M.G.B., Louis C. Latham, Kenneth B. MacKenzie, David Greenwood, Nickles Di Stefan, Howard T. Winsor, Arthur E. Darcy, Russell Adams, Merrill E. Baker, George Astill, Howard E. Russell, Daniel "Bugler" Black, John J. Brown, Paul G. Everson, Edwin W. Shore, Charles Paolino, Howard T. Ray, John A. Mielke, Clinton Briggs, Peter Forrest, James L. McCormick, Earl W. Carpenter, Frank A. Kennedy, Alfred F. Belluche, Edgar Needham, and Emanuel R. Casartillo of the old Jam Bty, 103 F.A.

Our November meeting was short and snappy. Commander Davidson opened in usual form with respect to our departed. S.V.C. Dunn reported success on social activities and War Bond raffle. J.V.C. Whitman reported a paid up membership of 240 members which is the highest in history of Providence Chapter. Mike Crescenzo, pinch-hitting for Treasurer Horace O. Thayer reported dough in the bank. "Holy Joe" Vickery in his misery report gave out the sad news that P.C. Henry McCarthy had suffered a slight shock. Charlie Hampel is still hanging on. "Bill" Cullen, genial manager of the cigar store, corner of Mat and Washington streets is hopping around on one crutch. Carl Olson is taking shots in the arm instead of over the chin for S.D. Harold Bullock has regained control of his blood and has been discharged from the care of "Dr. Tu Hung High" Dennis, Newport. Our other ailing members, Dr. Theodore Hascall, "Bill" Scully, Herb Banks and ex.-Lt. Clarence Murdock are still battling for better health. For the benefit of men of old C Bty, I'm sorry to report there's no change in the condition of Herb Carnes.

Under the good of the YDVA a new member by the name of Guyser Kittredge took the floor to say a kind word about his old outfit A Bty, and the 103rd F.A. in general. Blood being thicker than water another old veteran by the name of Everett J. Holland took exception to the remarks that A, B and C had won World War 1. In a prepared speech he wanted to know if anyone present had ever heard of the 103rd M.G.B. Like a woman scorned he put the works to his words and left the boys with the impression that the 103rd M.G.B. had saved the 103rd F.A. at Toul. Within a space of 10 minutes all outfits of the old YD were heard from. After listening to Feeley, Forrest, Brown and Harris it was the consensus of opinion that if it hadn't been for Hdqrs. Co. and the Supply Co., the M.G.B. and the 103rd F.A. would still be digging ditches in France. The only member of the band present as brought out by Dr. Richard Bell and Harold Finley was former Cpl. Joe Laffey. When it was learned that Joe could read music he was transferred to A Bty.

Well, boys, here is what's cookin' in the YD pot for the coming months. On the 22nd of December, Providence Chapter will sponsor a dance at the Narragansett Hotel for servicemen stationed in the vicinity of Rhode Island. P.C. Crescenzo has worked hard to put this over. Let's turn out and enjoy dancing and a gala floor show. Our February meeting will be in the form of an A Bty. night for the artillery. March or April will be open house for the 103rd M.G.B. Other nights will follow. Put our New Year's meeting in your book as Past Commander's night.

Rips from Betty Murray's nightshirt: Congratulations to Norman D. MacLeod for his clean, hard fight for the governorship of Rhode Island. John J. Osterburg, C Bty. has been elected commander of YD Post, A.L. Best wishes to Harold W. Tucker in his re-election to the R. I. General Assembly. Just 27 years ago this month Ray Stenson, John J. Welch and yours truly gave Ted Hird a piggy back up the hill from St. Malo. That was the night Ted got kicked by a horse? Col. E. C. Forsythe has been awarded the Merit of Legion for extraordinary duty in the Inva-

sion of France. Fred Vogt has been elected S.V.C. of Newport Post, A.L. Edwin M. Mara on a recent visit to his son with the U.S.N. was hit amidships in an auto accident. Providence Chapter copped the cup in the Armistice Day parade. Cliff Emmons reports progress on a B Bty. night in the near future. If your gal needs a fur coat contact Larry Cook. He has bought a hunting lodge and a new rifle. Like all old artillerymen he never sees what he hits. Comdr. Arthur A. Hanson reports plenty of activity with old Co. C, 103rd M.G.B. Read elsewhere in DOINGS for copy.

As a final gesture for 1944 we extend to our Nat'l. Commander, Editor of DOINGS and all officers of the YDVA a sincere wish for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. To our YD buddies now in service and our sons and daughters a heartfelt wish and prayer that this old guerre will be over by 1945 and that Christmas Day a year hence will be one of the happiest you have ever known.

— Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Fred V. Hirsch, 139 Foster St., New Haven (11), Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn, 47 Dayton St., New Haven (15), Conn.

STATE DEPARTMENT

Meeting held at American Legion Hall, Colony street, Meriden, Conn. Meeting called to order with salute to colors by Commander Hirsch at 3:30 p.m. Opening prayer delivered by Doc Keating. Ten chapters present with fine reports from all. Membership to date 1095.

Reports of comrades ill—at Newington and at home. Chaplain reports of fine visit to Newington. Comrades pleased with the cards received. Thirty cards here today to be signed by all present. Commander Roys reports of Cap Feegels death. Doc Keating of Commander Lapins death. Dube of New Haven reports of progress of Comrade DeMayo. Commander Hirsch and eight members visit our good old Pal, Buck Adams before meeting—was swell seeing you up Buck; greetings to Past Dept. Commander and Freda Hall on their new blessing, a set of twins — who said the boys of Conn. YD are getting old.

Report by P.D.C. Beckwith on last National Executive meeting in Boston; also report in length and full satisfaction by Past Natl. Comdr. Edgar Miller; also remarks by Dube of New Haven, Kolinsky of Middletown and Past Natl. Comdr. Ben Bourn of Hartford. Motion made and seconded that committee be discharged with a vote of thanks. P.D.C. Thompson of Bristol makes motion that letters of confidence by the department be sent to Treas. Lee Redfield and Sec. Guy Watts—so voted and ordered.

P.C. Dube of New Haven requests of the department to have the National Organization hold in the near future an Executive Meeting in the State of Connecticut so that all chapters of Connecticut could have their commanders in attendance; also that National send out in future notices of said Executive meetings in due time so all who wish to attend can make arrangements to do so.

Comrades and Commanders again let us remind you that on New Year's Eve your Department Commander and officers and all who wish to join up with the Hartford Chapter go to Newington with a swell picture show and above all we are again asking you of those chapters who haven't as yet to donate cigarettes for the comrades who will be hospitalized at that time. We received a swell donation from Windham County and Groton-Stonington chapters—thanks a lot comrades.

Flower Fund collection totaled $9.37—thanks again comrades. Commander Roys invited all to partake of a delicious lunch of home made sandwiches, coffee, cakes and a swell clam chowder. Thanks to Sergeant Jimmie White; also to Mrs. Kay Dike.

Meeting called to adjournment at 4.50 p.m. till the second Sunday in December. Host, Stamford YD Chapter, Sunday, Dec. 10, 1944. Meeting called to order at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Place, Ye Olde meeting Hall, 388 Summer street, Stamford, Conn.

— Alexander J. Flynn.

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Dear Comrades Lee Redfield, National Treasurer; H. Guy Watts, National Secretary:

Regular monthly meeting of the Connecticut Department, Y.D.V.A. held at Meriden, Conn., Sunday, Nov. 12th with 10 chapters represented and over 60 members present.

It was regularly moved and seconded and so voted that you both be notified that this department goes on record again and as ever before that we hold you both in the truest confidence as loyal, honest and sincere for the good of Y.D.V.A.

Courageous in your work for the best in Y.D.V.A., we deem it an honor to send you these few lines of

the gratitude that has long been neglected to be sent to you both.

As the commander of this department I know it is not a necessity to tell you both that I am ever ready to do all in my power to help you with whatever burden you may run up against. Also that the other officers of this department stand ready at all times to lend a giving hand.

— Fred V. Hirsch.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: George Carlos
160 Grove St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

The last meeting of the Bridgeport Chapter was a very interesting one. A great deal of work was done; arrangements were made for our next meeting which will have the drawing for the Bonds and Stamps and will be followed by our usual good time—refreshments and entertainment.

A report was made about the Advisory Council organization which was organized in Bridgeport for the benefit of the veterans.

A large number of public spirited citizens and veterans' organizations took a part in bringing this about. Now they have a place where a veteran may come and get all the information and help he needs about his personal affairs in one place from people who are in a position to give him that help and information.

Vets should not have to spend time and money looking for the help and information they need. It's fine work done and much thanks is due to those who have done this fine work.

The ladies of our chapter are still at it—sending presents to those in the service and not forgetting the usual refreshments for the boys after the meetings.

— Samuel B. Zolo

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Curtin
63a Webster St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

Our regular meeting of Thursday, Nov. 2, was designated as Past Commanders' night. Hartford Chapter has been very fortunate in its choice of commanders. We have never had a dud! However in spite of such a record each new commander is just a little better than the man before him.

Johnnie Curtin, who is in the pilot's cabin this year, is traveling full steam ahead and is setting a pace and doing a job that will be hard to beat.

Past commanders present were Edgar F. Miller, Benjamin Brown, both of whom are also Past National Commanders, Charles Perry, William F. Sullivan, John J. Costello, Herbert Nelson, John C. Carter, John J. Goss; absent was Joseph Foley, at home, sick in bed. Speedy recovery Joe 'cause we're sure amissin' you!

The chapter stood in silence for 30 seconds in memory of our departed past commander, Dr. Bernard Allen. Also present were the following, all YD men and members of Hartford Chapter: William Murray, Commander; Firemen's Post, V.F.W., James Yacavone, commander; Postal Post, A. L., Ralph Quigley; Past Dept. Comdr., D.A.V., Harold Ellingwood; Past Sgt.-at-Arms, 1st Dist., A. L., Edward Seery, Comdr. Paris Post, V.F.W. and Past Dept. Comdr. Clyde Beckwith of the Manchester Chapter.

Hartford Chapter member coming the longest distance to attend this meeting was Harry Vermart of Fitzwilliam, N. H. Guest of the evening was Dept. Comdr. Fred V. Hirsch.

Thanks is due Dargon, the boy magician and his charming mother for some very fine entertainment and also thanks to Dept. Comdr. Fred Hirsch for securing these fine entertainers and bringing them up from New Haven. Past Comdr. Edgar Miller presented the chapter with a very fine picture of our Daddy Edwards.

Hartford Chapter has sent Christmas boxes to all former YD men who are back in the service and also to the boys and girls in the service who were members of its junior Drum Corps.

In spite of difficulties this chapter is still distributing cigarettes at the Newington Veterans' Hospital.

After the meeting there was hot dogs, cold cuts, sour kraut, mustard, beer, coffee and crullers, all for free.

— Samuel J. Rosen.

MERIDEN

Commander: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.

On Nov. 10th at 3 p.m., in memory of Everett E. Learmont, who died in action Nov. 10, 1918, we dedicated a shield placed in front of a tree planted by his comrades in 1919. The tree was planted in front of the South Meriden Grammar School which he attended as a child. Fitting exercises took place attended by Mayor Francis R. Danaher, Superintendent Brown of the Meriden schools, State Comdr. Fred Hirsch and Eben Dike, state chaplain with school

children participating. In spite of the rain, it was a very impressive service with Commander Roys, master of ceremonies.

On Sunday, Nov. 5th while on his way to church, our beloved Commander, Jack Feegal was stricken ill and passed away after arriving home. Burial was Wednesday morning, Nov. 8 and the funeral was largely attended by YD Commanders with hundreds of other veterans marching to the church and cemetery to pay their last respects.

At the State Meeting held in Meriden, Nov. 12th about 12 YD comrades surprised Buck Adams with a visit. Buck is now home from the hospital and is still on the sick list so drop him a line to his home; also Harvey Adams, 9 Twiss street, Meriden, as I know he will be very happy to hear from any of his comrades.

Meriden can be proud of the largest turnout in a year at a State Meeting. Ten chapters were represented and everyone had a fine time. The clam chowder made by Mr. White, a YD friend, was thoroughly enjoyed together with the sandwiches, cake and other refreshments.

Our membership is creeping up, so come on fellows, let's go over the top.

We contributed $10 towards a permanent home for the Boy Scouts on an island sponsored by the mayor. We are the first organization in the city to do it. Our membership is now 85.

— Eben Dike.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Otis H. Culver
181 Cove St., New Haven 13, Conn.
Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

Here we go again and with membership coming along nicely, a good sized cash balance in the bank plus the War Bonds and everyone working, there is plenty to enthuse over in this neck of the woods.

New Haven Chapter participated in the exercises held at the World War I Memorial on the Green on Armistice Day, the program being sponsored by the New Haven Veterans' Council. Following this ceremony the monument erected in West River Memorial Park was the scene of another service in memory of our comrades of the 26th Division, under the direction of Past Comdr. Henry J. Dube. Wreaths were placed on both occasions by Commander Culver and Chaplain Rogers.

Open House was enjoyed by many comrades following luncheon at our own Jimmie Ceriani's "Cafe Mellone". A buffet and plenty of refreshments of the liquid variety were on hand and it did one good to chew the rag with the old gang until late in the evening when a number of the boys accompanied Commander Culver in making calls in Branford, where the Battery E, 103rd Field Artillery Association was holding forth to Harry R. Bartlett Post No. 89, A. L. in East Haven where the latch string is always out and the Military Ball given by Mario Polverari Post No. 15, Italian-American War Veterans of the U.S.

One of the brightest spots of the entire day was the arrival of Comrade Ellis G. Bradley (102nd Field Hospital), with his son, Ellis Bradley, Jr., a seaman in Uncle Sam's Navy. Your scribe still has a crick in his neck from trying to figure out just how much taller Junior is than his very tall "old man". Ellis' sister, Shirley Bradley, is also serving, being enrolled in the WACs. It was always thrilling in the last war to see Ellis, Sr. and his father, the late Willett Bradley, serving side by side in the old YD.

The "Card a Month" Committee are sending out for December a Christmas card to more than 100 sons and daughters of the members of New Haven Chapter in addition to more than 20 of our members serving in all parts of the world. How eagerly our comrades in far distant points look forward to receiving this card each month with the autographs of everyone attending the chapter's two meetings.

The House Committee, spark plug of our chapter are again ready for a waste paper salvage drive at Comrade Iver Coleman's West Hills Development on the 26th of November. Believe you me, these babies don't fool when they go after paper or anything else. They're also planning a real New Year's Eve Party for chapter members, their wives and friends which promise to eclipse anything of its kind yet undertaken in New Haven.

The Children's Xmas Remembrance Committee is busily engaged in gathering in the funds for warm clothing, toys, books, games, etc. for distribution next month. Comrade Floyd R. Becker is the able chairman of this group.

Chaplain Rogers and a large detail from New Haven Chapter replaced all flags on graves of veterans of all wars on Nov. 5th in St. Lawrence Cemetery. At last we have been given jurisdiction of the biggest decorating job in the largest cemetery in the city. And what a job our chaplain is doing.

BUY ANOTHER BOND

Advice from Newington Hospital is that Bernard Shanley is the only YD man from New Haven up there. But, of course, we're not forgetting our old comrade Joe Keefe. Hope both are on the mend as well as Comrade Jack De Mayo who has been very ill.

We note with satisfaction the promotion of our comrade, Joe Houley to a full colonel, certainly a well deserved honor. In the South Pacific nearly three years he has distinguished himself. Many a lad in the old 102nd Infantry would have gone hungry were it not for Joe's efforts. Good luck Colonel and may God bless you and your two fine sons also in the service of our country.

— Otis H. Culver.

Service Notes

Staff Sgt. Francis J. Cummings, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Sgt. Frank Cummings, D.S.C. (102nd Infantry), takes after his dad in that he has been recently decorated with the Air Medal.

Staff Sgt. Robert H. Poulton, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Edwin Poulton (Battery E, 103rd Field Artillery), has also been decorated with the Air Medal.

1st Lieut. Sherman V. N. Best, Jr., also with the 8th Air Forces has also been promoted and decorated. He is a pilot of a medium bomber. His dad, Sherman, senior (Headquarters Co., 102nd Infantry) is commander of YD Post, No. 130, A. L.

Tech. Corp. George R. Tyrrell, Jr., son of George R. Tyrrell, has been seriously wounded and is convalescing in a British hospital. He was serving with the 12th Infantry.

1st Lieut. Fred Boucher, son of Charles Boucher, a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps, is reported missing in action in France.

Our hearts go out to our comrade, Ray Charboneau and his sweet wife in the loss of their son, Raymond junior, reported missing in action last February and now reported "Killed in Action".

Comrade Ray Cooper, our dynamo on membership, having sent two sons into the service, has again responded to the call to arms with the enlistment of his daughter, Jane M. Dippold in the WAC. Jane's husband is Staff Sgt. Chas. W. Dippold, Jr., son of Charles senior of Co. D, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, who also served in the Air Corps in World War II, being only recently discharged.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Walter C. Hewitt
Box 33, Hebron, Conn.
Secretary: W. P. S. Keating, M.D.
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.

At our November meeting we had a pretty good attendance. We have sad and pleasant news this time.

Our Commander, Ezeb Lapan passed on rather suddenly, Oct. 24th. He had been operated on, two or three years ago, but seemed to be coming along fairly well. He asked his wife to bring him some water and when she came back with it, she found him dead in his chair. It was quite a shock to her. "Zeb" was quite a prominent man in Willimantic. In the last election, he was elected third selectman and he was chairman of the Board of Assessors. He was a Co. L, 102nd Inf. Vt., also a member of the V.F.W. and Sr. V.C. of our own A. L. post. He was given a military funeral. It was well attended at St. Mary's R. C. Church. Thos. Delaney and Elliott Moshier were the YD pall bearers. He was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Willimantic. Taps were sounded and three volleys were fired by a squad from our local State Guard. He leaves a wife, Aldea (Vincellotte) Lapan, a son Donald and a daughter Pauline.

Gardiner and Freda Hall are the happy parents of twin daughters, Alice and Frances, born at Windham Community Hospital, Oct. 26.

At our last meeting, Walter C. Hewitt was advanced from Sr. V. to Commander to succeed our late Commander, "Zeb"; Martin Cohen to Sr. V. and "Chas" Isaacs was nominated and elected as Jr. V. They were installed by Gardiner Hall.

Walter C. Hewitt, "Pat" Haggerty, Elliott Moshier, Edmond Vallancourt and myself, attended the State Meeting at Meriden, Sunday, Nov. 12th.

John Dowe, a member of our chapter, was elected State Comptroller at recent national election.

Two sons of Victor Brunell have been home on furlough. Corp. Harold E. Brunell graduated from the gunners' school in Texas. He is going as a flight engineer to California replacement center and Pvt. Chas. V. Burnell is at a radio school in Madison, Wis.

Elliott Moshier's son, Seaman 1/c Wendell Moshier, was also home on furlough from Rahway, N. J.

— W. P. S. Keating, M.D.

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DETROIT

Commander: Francis Clark
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Secretary: William H. Munsell
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I wish to call your attention to one of our real patriotic families of Detroit, as when I see the pictures of Sons of Veterans in the magazine, I think of my pal, Elmer Brackett, formerly of the 101st Infantry of the old YD of War No. I.

Old Elmer is now a Major in the Air Force located at the end of the earth, Presque Isle, Maine.

His oldest son is a Lt. Bombardier on a job in England and France.

Second son is a Pvt. in the invasion force now in France, or I hope in Germany.

Third son is a Sailor, somewhere in the Navy and we can all guess where that is.

Mrs. Helen Brackett, wife and mother, is doing Red Cross work in Maine somewhere as close as she can get to the Old Man.

Five (5) in this family, and not one of them loafing on the job, something to shoot at for a lot of us others, and I think this is worthy of mention in any magazine.

Thanks for taking time to read this, hope you will find room to tell the rest of the gang.

— Jack Guittaud.

NEW YORK

Commander: Fred D. Brown
607 Fifth Ave., New York City
Acting Secretary: Anthony F. Fanelle
626 East 35th St., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

The regular meeting on October 25 (Tuesday), was opened at 8.30 by Commander Fred Brown, with the Cooper Room pretty much filled. The meeting was split in two in order to sandwich in the entertainment feature of the evening.

The guest speaker, Miss Daisy Atterbury, was introduced by PDC Bob Dickson, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and the introduction was done in his usual inimitable manner. Miss Atterbury has spent many years in China assisting the Chinese with their problems of welfare and self-improvement, and in the use of scientific methods of agriculture, among the many things. She appeared garbed in Chinese costume to add color, spoke on the fine qualities of the Chinese, and their high regard for Americans, and had an optimistic view on our future relationships with them, with unlimited mutual advantages.

She then spoke on her experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese in China for 18 months after the raid on Pearl Harbor, and with the aid of charts which she herself cleverly drew, described the wretched condition in which the compound was found, on arrival of the 1800 to be interned there, and the gradual improvement in their living conditions through the ingenuity and self-imposed division of labor in the confined community.

Lieut. Seaman was then called on to give an impromptu talk. He was present on invitation of PDC Bob Dickson, whose son, another air force lieutenant, is now a prisoner in Germany after having been shot down some months ago. (The two boys are buddies of long standing). Lieut. Seaman was very interesting, though modest about his part from the time he was shot down over Germany, his travels and experiences through German lines, meeting and working with the Maquis, and finally rejoining his outfit. We enjoyed it a lot, and so did our surprise visitor, Gault MacGowan, staff correspondent of the New York Sun, who has covered the last war, and the present one up to recently, and is here on furlough after many months in England and in the European sectors. He was captured by the Germans in France several months ago, and after some trying times, escaped from a moving train, and managed after contacts with friendly French and the Maquis, to get to Paris shortly after its liberation by the Allies. One of the things he spoke about, of especial interest to YD men, was his visit to the YD Memorial church at Belleau, where he was taken (under guard while a prisoner) at his request. Mr. MacGowan assures us that the church and surroundings are untouched, and in excellent condition.

We regret to announce that the Prince George Hotel will no longer be available to us for our meetings, for probably the duration, due to the housing shortage in New York and the requisitioning by the military authorities of additional space for their personnel. The next regular meeting, on November 28, will be at the Hotel Lexington, and the members will be duly notified by regular mail notices, as this is too late for the November issue of DOINGS.

The December meeting will take place on December 15 (Friday) instead of our usual fourth Tuesday, and will be held at the Hotel Lexington, Lexington Avenue and 48th St., at 8 pm. It is recommended

that as many members as can make it, be there, and bring your ladies along, as our Entertainment Committee is working hard to make it the outstanding evening of the year, with the grand liquor prizes as one of the big events. To those who are coming to dinner (6:30 pm.); are your dinner reservations in? Don't delay.

The officers and members of the New York Chapter extend Christmas greetings to the officers and members of all the other Chapters; to those of you who have loved ones fighting, may they come back to you soon, safe and sound; to those who have lost their dear ones, we bow in solemn tribute.

— Tony.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
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Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

On Sunday, Nov. 5th, Commander Pete Sady, Department of U. S. and his Detroit Sgt.-at-Arms Jack Guittard presided as Installing Officer at a joint installation of officers of the Ohio Chapter and its newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary. The installation and presentation of the Charter to the new auxiliary was preceeded by a banquet attended by 92 members, friends and families, and was held at the American Legion Club Post, No. 2, Cleveland, Ohio.

Comrade Sady's touch of informality in his splendid installation was very well received, as well as his most inspiring talk; "Why the Y.D.V.A. should absolutely belong to the Joint Veterans Commission in its particular community."

Dept. and County Commanders of the V.F.W., Military Order Purple Heart, American Legion, and D.A.V. were among our guests. Hon. Judge Lewis Drucker of Cleveland, as well known as a veteran as he is a judge, was tremendously inspirational in his after-dinner talk on the need for continued co-operation between all present veteran groups and those which may be organized in the post war future.

After a very fine dinner, everyone retired to the "Dugout" where music, entertainment and dancing proceeded to get under way in real, old fashioned Yankee Division spirit.

As our Banquet began at 6 o'clock, and the hour of one a. m. approached we began to wend our way homeward, after perfect agreement that Ohio had one of its most enjoyable Installations.

Officers for 1944-45: Commander, Edward Dulude; Sr. Vice Comdr., Edward McGrath; Jr. Vice Comdr., Herbert Riehl; Treas., Fred Bastel; Secretary, William P. O'Connor; Chaplain, Albert Lawler; Historian, Fred Boutwell; Trustee (3 yrs.), Harry Schnell; Sgt.-at-Arms, Al Then.

Officers of Ladies' Auxiliary, Ohio Chapter: Pres., Margaret Huebler; Vice Pres., Hazel Dulude; Treas., Dorothy Pfiefer; Secretary, Lillian O'Connor; 2nd Vice Pres., Mary A. McGrath; Chaplain, Mrs. Ed McGrath; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Ted Gonsalves.

(Southern California Chapter)

Commander: Ralph W. McDonald
5018 Southall Lane, Bell, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles

Lawrence T. Johnston, a member of the Southern California Chapter for many years, died suddenly on Oct. 15 at the age of 63 years.

"Smiley", as he was called because of his sunny disposition, was very well known and his passing is mourned by many friends and comrades. He worked for the city of Los Angeles as a civil engineer and was an artist of exceptional talent, often called upon for special and difficult design or illustration. Cover drawings on the early issues of YANKEE DOINGS were done by him.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American and World War I serving in the latter as a Lieutenant in M Co., 101st Infantry.

Funeral services under the auspices of Hollywood Post, American Legion, were conducted in the Church of the Recessional at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California, on Tuesday, October 17. Burial was private.

Comrade Johnston leaves his widow, Mrs. Irene B. and a daughter, Marcella. The deepest sympathy of all YD veterans is extended to both.

Past President Harry M. McLaughlin of Southern California Chapter reports the death of his son-in-law, S/Sgt. Billy Helms, Army Air Corps, who lost his life in action over England on August 15. He was 20 years old.

His widow, Mrs. Dorothy M, and the bereaved family have our sincere sympathy.

— George K. Mitchell,
Secretary.

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WASHINGTON

Commander: Walter Rowe
1608 F. St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
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The YD Chapter of Washington met on November 1 in the newly opened V.F.W. Club Rooms. Those in attendance were: Young, Mintz, McManus, Carson, Hutchins, White, Boyer, Jordan, Cleaveland, Stearns, Dodic, Robitaille, Rowe and Golden.

The Club stood in silence for our departed comrades and for William G. Nicholson, one of our more active members who passed away and was buried in Arlington Gemetery, October 14 (editor please note). The Club decided to hold Memorial Day Services, as is our custom, at the grave of Major Gen. Edwards at 10:00 a.m. on November 11.

Much discussion took place at our meeting with reference to the Y.D.V.A.'s interest in the Memorial Club House in Boston. It was decided to secure from the trustees a copy of the deed trust instrument covering the Memorial fund raised in 1919, for further study. Much disappointment also was expressed that our National Organization does not have available up-to-date copies of the By-laws. The Washington Chapter is keenly interested in the operation of our National Organization to the extent that it feels that a revision of our By-laws is necessary and a Committee has been appointed to work towards this end.

Secretary received a letter from Al Bartram, who spent the entire summer at Port Royal, Pennsylvania and he advises that he is in the best of health and had considerable pleasure in developing a victory garden and the raising of 100 chickens. Al's wife canned the fruit and vegetables and now both of them are engaged in eating the chickens before returning to Washington some time next month. He could bring the chickens back to Washington and the gang certainly would be glad to help him eat them.

— Nathan D. Golden,
Secretary.

101ST MACHINE GUN BATTALION ASSN.

The observance of armistice day was a gala one for the old "gunners". Following the usual exercises at 11 A.M. there gathered at the Hartford Golf Club a group who played a round of golf after the noonday libation. Despite a brisk wind everyone turned in good scores. C Company won the annual match by one stroke. The crowd then went to the University Club where ninety-five of the "Agents" gathered for their 26th reunion. The usual bar was set up where every one drank to his hearts content. To the glory of God and the age of the group it might be said that for the first time there were no casualties.

Following a delicious dinner there were speeches by Captain Rawdon Myers, Captain H. Wyckoff Mills, A. "Stud" Gray, Luther Parker, Boz Hawley, the "Saluting Demon" of the A.E.F.; Syd Pinney and our newly elected President James Coleman of C Company. Ben Bourn acted as master of ceremonies and was again elected Secretary and Treasurer.

— "Spoons"

LAST MAN'S CLUB
Co. A, 103rd Mch. Gun Bn.

The Annual Armistice Eve Dinner was held in the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I., with 46 of the boys in attendance. After the usual hand shaking and back slapping we sat down to a Roast Chicken Dinner that everybody seemed to enjoy. At the short business meeting which followed the following were nominated Officers for the coming year:

Frank "Mike" Miller, President; Herbert Grylls, Vice Pres.; Arnold E. Beech, Sec.; David A. Davidson, Treas.; Harry Fitzpatrick, Chaplain; Joseph L. Bourget, Last Man's Guard; Eliott R. Dann, Sgt.-at-Arms; Harold A. Andrews, Custodian; Frank Senior, Historian; Norman LeFleur, Rehab. Officer.

There was considerable discussion in regards to reopening the Charter after the War to allow some of the Boys to join, especially those outside Rhode Island who did not hear of the Club until after the Charter closed. There are a number of the Boys' addresses which the Secretary has never had, so if any of the old members of A Co. read this letter in YANKEE DOINGS send in your address to the Sec. at the address listed below.

Due to the war and gas shortage some of the regulars from up North were missing this year, among them being Charlie Hope, Phil Champagne, Sticky Prescott, Harold Coffey, Joe Sharkey, Baptist Aumand and several others. Our old skipper, Capt. Case, was in town but due to the death of his son in action in France a short time ago did not feel that he could see the boys this year but sent his regards through Harold Andrews. A number of telegrams and letters were read from some of the others who could not attend, among them Al Shabbott in Panama and Charlie Finley in Alaska.

The annual business meeting and election of officers will be held in January for which cards will be sent. After a very pleasant evening the party adjourned a little after one o'clock.

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Providence, R. I.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

The 26th annual reunion and convention of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, A.E.F. was held on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Parker House, Boston. The boys began to arrive early in the morning from points all over the New England states and some from New York. By noon several committees were functioning in their respective rooms. The convention business meeting was called to order by Pres. Al Sears at 2.30 P. M. with close to 200 members present. It was a good meeting, lots of debatable questions arising, reminding us of some of the meetings held a few years ago, which clearly indicated that the boys are just as interested in the old outfit as they ever were. When it came to electing officers for the ensuing year, banners and posters were hung all over the hall, cards were being passed out for the various candidates and many of the gang could be seen working for their candidates. The following were elected to office: William P. "Bucky" Coffey, (Supply) President; William S. Cole, (K Co.) 1st Vice Pres.; Charles W. Miller, (A Co.) 2nd Vice Pres.; James J. Powers (H Co.) Secretary; Major Michael J. Lannon, (Med) Treasurer; William J. Hall, (L Co.) Historian; John W. Coughlin, (K Co.) Judge Advocate; Nicholas Fleming, (D Co.) Sgt.-at-Arms.

In the evening the conference was brought to a close with a Victory Banquet in the main ballroom. And what a dinner it was with the best entertainment that was obtainable. Jay Riseman (Hdgts) with his all girl orchestra furnished the music with talent that everyone enjoyed. At the conclusion a tableau in memory of the boys and girls now in service held the assembly spellbound. This show was followed by another one put on by our old friend Jerry Shea with his array of talent that kept everyone applauding for more.

Pres. Albert F. Sears was toastmaster for the evening and he did a swell job. Among those at the head table whom he introduced were: Mr. Thomas Murray, who represented the Majority Leader John W. McCormack, Cong. James M. Curley, Col. David J. Brickley, (Mch. Gun); Judge John T. Comerford, (Mch. Gun); John W. Dunlap, Nat'l. Comm. Y.D.V.A.; Emile Thibault, Dept. Comm. Y.D.V.A.; Lawrence Curtis, Dept. Comm. D.A.V.; Charles W. Frascotti, Dept. Comm. V.F.W.; Col. Vincent P. Breen, (C Co.) C.O. 26th Inf. M.S.G., and Past Presidents John J. Kelley, (B Co.); James J. Cresswell, (K Co.); Austin Kennedy, (G Co.); Barney Golden, (Supply); Edward J. McCormack, (B Co.); Fred Jones, (G Co.); John W. Coughlin, (K Co.); James J. Powers, (H Co.); and William P. "Bucky" Coffey, (Supply) President-elect.

Iron Battalion Memorial Services

The 24th annual memorial services of the Iron Battalion was held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Anne's church, Boston. Led by the 26th Mass. State Guard Band, a parade started from the YD Club and marched to the church where Fr. Osias Boucher, our beloved chaplain, now a Major in the State Guard, celebrated Mass for our departed comrades. Just outside the altar was a large delegation of officers of the State Guard, many of whom were our own 101st men.

When the services were ended the parade reformed and marched to the Gardner Hotel where a reception and dinner was tendered Fr. Boucher. With Joseph J. McNiff, (H Co.) as toastmaster, the program began with the newly elected officers of the 101st Inf. Vets. Asso. being installed by the retiring President Albert F. Sears, ably assisted by Nicholas Fleming (D Co.).

Among those who paid tribute to Fr. Boucher were: Rev. Father Edward Lodge Curran of Brooklyn, N. Y., Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Foley, (G Co.); Brig. Gen. William J. Blake, (Hdgts); Col. Vincent P. Breen, Col. John J. Barry, (Iron Batt.); Maj. John T. Gleason, Pres. of H Co., who sponsored the memorial services, William P. Coffey, newly installed President of the regimental association.

Deep silence prevailed when Fr. Boucher in remembering all our departed comrades selected the names of two who had passed on very recently, Fr. Michael J. O'Connor, (Hdqts) and Sgt. Haywood Mott, (Med.). In his address Fr. Boucher stated that Fr. O'Connor having answered the last call, he, (Fr. Boucher), was ready to take his place in the regimental association.

— Jim Powers.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

George W. Wise (Co. B, 102nd Infantry), died at the Veterans Facility, Bronx, N. Y. on October 25, 1944. He was interred on the 28th in Beaverdale Cemetery. At the request of his family YD Post No. 130, A. L., of which he was treasurer, took charge of the services.

Warwick Harris, B Co., 101st Inf., died Aug. 30th in Boston.

Word has been received that John E. Murphy formerly of Battery F, 101st Field Artillery passed away April 26, 1944 at his former home in Beverly Farms, Mass.

Edward L. McKenna formerly of 26th Military Police died in New York, Sept. 9th. Member of Minute Man Chapter of Concord, Mass. Burial from his late home, Waltham, Mass., Tuesday, Sept. 12th.

Thomas J. Cahill formerly of Co. B, 104th Infantry died at Rutland Hospital, Friday, Sept. 22nd. Burial was at his former home at Medfield, Mass., Monday, Sept. 25.

Col. Thomas F. Murphy of 14 Pearl street, Dedham, aide to Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards and adjutant of the 101st Infantry Regiment of the Yankee Division in the World War, died following a heart attack.

Born in the South End, he prepared for college at Boston College High school and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1909. He served in the Mexican border with the old 9th Regiment in 1916 and after graduation from the Army War College in Washington, went overseas with the 101st Infantry in 1917.

A prominent Boston insurance man, Colonel Murphy was the first head of the Boston Veterans Bureau. He was a member of the Veterans' Association, American Legion and the 9th Infantry, National Guard, until it merged in World War 1.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen L. Stetson, of Dedham. whom he married in 1920; a son, Thomas F. Murphy, Jr., a Naval Air Force pilot; a daughter, Mill Eileen Murphy, and a sister, Miss Katherine F. Murphy, all of Dedham.

The funeral was held with a solemn high mass of requiem in St. Mary's Church, Dedham. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Israel Massey reported to be a member of 104th Infantry died at his home in Allston, Mass., on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Burial was from St. Luke's church, Brookline.

Eli Squires, 101st Inf. died in Albany, Aug. 3 and was buried Saturday, Aug. 5 in West Springfield. He was a member of Springfield chapter. Bearers represented the West Springfield Legion, the V.F.W. Post 70 and Springfield Chapter of YD. His son in the navy was home at the time of death.

William E. McHugh formerly of H Co., 104th Infantry and present commander of the Salem Chapter, YDVA, died at the Veterans Hospital, West Roxbury, Mass., on Monday, Nov. 20th after a short illness. Spot was elected to the City Council last spring in Salem, Mass. Burial was from his former home in Salem and was conducted by the Salem Chapter.

Report has been received of the death of Clifford B. Bruns, formerly of Co. L, 103rd Infantry on July 25, 1944. He was a member of the Cumberland Chapter, Portland, Me.

Edward Evans, former private in Co. F, 104th Infantry, died on July 2nd and was buried on July 5th. He lived at 339 East 23rd street, New York City. Evans was a member of the following veterans' outfits: Dennis Metcalf Post No. 542, V.F.W.; Pat McCarron Chapter, No. 126, Order of the Purple Heart; Father Duffy Post, Catholic War Veterans; Murray Hill Post, A. L.

The Legion post was the sole veterans outfit at the funeral. Past Secretary Bert Lonergan of New York Chapter gave Evans a YDVA application which he (Evans) filled out and signed but neglected to forward to Lonergan or New York Chapter.

Evans was a sick man for a long time having had a heart condition. He was billeted at Tupper Lake, New York Veterans' Health Camp, operated by the American Legion. A doctor up there told him he was a "faker" and he left for New York on June 28th last and entered Base Hospital No. 81, Bronx, New York where he died four days later on July 2, 1944.

He was buried by his roommate, Frank MacBrien of 339 East 23rd street, New York City, who paid the undertaker $659.25 while the $500 insurance check was held up. Can Mr. MacBrien get the $159.25 back?

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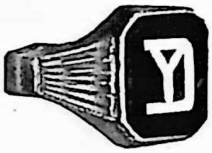

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